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1. On 9 February 1951, eight twin-engine aircraft with double rudder assemblies were counted on the landing field of Finsterwalde (N 52/A 15) airfield. Four aircraft of the same type were seen on the taxiway in front of the hangars. (1) Two twin-engine planes with double rudder assemblies, nose wheels, and both nose and tail gunners' compartment without weapons were seen landing at the field. (2) Twin-engine planes stationed at the field flew throughout the day, in good visibility and 5/10 clouds.
2. Trucks E 5-31-95 and E 5-37-23 were seen between the airfield and the town. About ten trucks and two trucks with mounted **searchlights** were parked in a garage in town. This garage was used by Soviet Air Force troops. During a roll call of this unit 40 air force soldiers were counted. During the evening there was a searchlight exercise, which has been previously observed in Finsterwalde.
3. Quarters in Finsterwalde that were occupied by Soviet troops between 18 January and 14 February included:
 - a. Kommandatura in Victoria Hotel on Sonnewalder Strasse, adjacent to the railroad station.
 - b. Hospital in high school building on Friedrich-Bismarck Strasse. Ambulances from the airfield were seen moving toward the hospital.
 - c. Messes for officers, NCOs, and EM in former administration building of Reichelt Screw Factory on Bismarck Strasse.
 - d. Officers' billets, former airport quarters on Forst Strasse, parallel to railroad line. Soldiers wearing blue epaulets and Soviet dependents were quartered there.
 - e. Suburban settlement, former airport quarters, on Schackdorfer Strasse. Soldiers wearing blue service color were seen there.

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trucks was erected close to the building on the east side. The quarters were occupied by transportation details.

g. Radio station Kurzer Damm, located in a meadow.

h. Repair shops in Villa Thier. They were occupied by German tailors and shoemakers to work for Soviet occupation troops. (3)

4. On 31 January and 1 and 2 February, about 30 Soviet soldiers, who wore blue service color, were seen erecting a radio installation in a meadow at Kurzer Damm and later removing it again. Truck E 5-38-91 was parked next to the braced radio mast which was about 10 meters high. The pegs for the guy wires were not removed when the installation was dismantled.

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Comments.

- (1) The aircraft represent part of the aircraft strength in Finsterwalde. One bomber regiment equipped with about 35 PE-2s is believed to be stationed in Finsterwalde. The headquarters of a bomber division whose regiments are stationed at the airfields of Finsterwalde and Cottbus, is also there.
- (2) Probably B-25s. To date, this type has not been seen in Finsterwalde. Another source observed aircraft of this type among the bomber regiments now stationed at the Jueterbog-Altes Lager airfield.
- (3) The correctness of this information cannot be verified for lack of comparable data.
- (4) These motor vehicle numbers were seen previously in Finsterwalde by other sources. They belong to ground units of the bomber regiment and the headquarters units stationed at the Finsterwalde airfield.